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The Award-Winning Voice of Armstrong Atlantic State University
January 19, 2005

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Former AASU Student Convicted of Murder

Karen Daiss
Copy Editor

A former Armstrong student was convicted on December 16 of felony murder, aggravated assault, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

Jason Futch, 21, a full-time student at AASU during the Spring and Fall semesters of 2004, was sentenced to life in prison plus five years for the



Jason Futch

August 16, 2003 fatal shooting of Michael Weaver, 20.

According to a press release from the Fulton County District Attorney's Office, Weaver, a student at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville had driven to Atlanta on August 15, 2003 to attend a concert. Later that evening, Weaver and several friends went to Futch's apartment in Buckhead for an after concert party. Witnesses say the two men had not previously met; Weaver was a friend of Futch's

roommate, Kenneth Roberson.

According to Detective Calhoun of the Atlanta Police Department, Weaver and Futch were playfully wrestling when an argument ensued. When Weaver pinned him, Futch became angry and threatened Weaver saying, "If you don't get off me, I'll kill you." Weaver retreated to a bathroom to get away from the enraged Futch, who retrieved a 12-gauge shotgun from his bedroom.

Several friends tried to calm Futch down, who reportedly told them they had three seconds to move out of the way. He fired one shot that went through both the bedroom and bathroom doors and into Weaver's left arm and chest, severing his aorta. Weaver later died at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta.

The murder weapon was traced back to the Glynn County Police Department in Brunswick, Georgia, where Futch's father once served as a police officer. The inoperable weapon was purchased through a gun buy-back program, repaired, and given to Futch for hunting purposes.

While awaiting trial, Futch was

enrolled as a Criminal Justice major at Armstrong. He also held a student worker position in the Student Activities Office.

Administrators at Armstrong became aware of Futch's legal matters when the victim's mother called Al Harris, Director of Student Activities, and informed him of the upcoming criminal trial.

"Since he had not been convicted of anything, he was not viewed as a direct threat to other students," said Dr. Joseph Buck, Vice President of Student Affairs. "He was therefore allowed to continue his enrollment at Armstrong."

Futch chose to resign from his position as Program Assistant and continue his studies at Armstrong until he was indicted for murder in December of 2004.

"He obviously made a major mistake," Harris said. "And he's now paying for it."

Other Armstrong administrators declined to comment.

Sigma Sigma Sigma Goes National

Tara Gergacs
Staff Writer

Last spring, four national sororities came to Armstrong Atlantic State University including the national sorority, Sigma Sigma Sigma.

At the time, AASU's local sororities had the opportunity to choose which national sorority they liked best. The national council also chose which local sorority they thought would work together. One of the local sororities, Theta Xi Alpha became Sigma Sigma Sigma.

On Jan. 22, 2005, the 30 women of Sigma Sigma Sigma will become installed as members of the national sorority. The members are looking forward to their evening at the American Legion as they celebrate their success.

It was not an easy road for the members. They worked hard in order to meet requirements established by the council. Robin Jones, Assistant Director of Student Activities, said, "They have been in colony status, which is a period of dotting the I's and

crossing the T's, so they can meet the requirements for membership. They have met all of their requirements and are going to become full fledged national members of the sorority."

In order to receive the honor of becoming members of a national sorority, the members had to put enormous

amounts of time and energy into their philanthropy. Sigma Sigma Sigma's Philanthropy Theme is "Sigma Serves Children."

The group supports play therapy

See Sigma ...

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Proud members of Tri Sigma prepare to become part of a national sorority.

Upcoming CUB Events

January

19 - Fun at the games: Trucker Hat Toons
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sports Center North Balcony

February

2 - Thornbird concert preview/Meet the band
12:00 p.m.
Cafeteria
Thornbird in concert
7:00 p.m.
Fine Arts Auditorium

7 - Coffeehouse with open mic
7:30 p.m.
MCC Lobby

9 - Fun at the games: Mobile CD Recording Booth (right)
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sports Center North Balcony

24 - R&B Band - S.T.A.T.U.S.
7:30 p.m.
Fine Arts Auditorium

March

7 - Coffeehouse with open mic
7:30 p.m.
MCC lobby

9 - Comedian Leighann Lord
7:00 p.m.
Cafeteria

30 - The Cast of the Dave Chapelle Show Comedy Tour featuring Charlie Murphy, Bill Burr and Donnell Rawling
Fine Arts Auditorium
Time and Ticket prices TBA
MCC Lobby



January

- 19 12:00 p.m. - Computer Basics for Beginners Workshop
3:00 p.m. - University Curriculum Committee
University Hall Rm 282
5:00 p.m. - Trucker Hat Toons
Sports Center North Balcony
5:30 p.m. - AASU Women's Basketball vs. Kennesaw State
Alumni Arena
7:30 p.m. - AASU Men's Basketball vs. Kennesaw State
- 20 9:00 a.m. - Computer Basics
MCC Annex Rm 103
- 21 12:00 p.m. - Organization Presidents Council Meeting
University Dining Room
12:00 p.m. - College Republicans Meeting
University Hall Rm 157
- 22 2:00 p.m. - AASU Women's Basketball @ Lander
4:00 p.m. - AASU Men's @ Lander
- 24 12:00 p.m. - Wesley Fellowship Luncheon
University Hall Rm 157
12:00 p.m. - Microsoft Word Workshop
6:00 p.m. - Computer Essentials
MCC Annex Rm 103
- 25 5:00 p.m. - Karate Club Meeting
ARC Gymnasium Rm 100
6:00 p.m. - Computer Essentials
MCC Annex Rm 103 - tech room
8:00 p.m. - Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity meeting
Science Center 1107
- 26 9:00 a.m. - Computer Essentials
12:00 p.m. - Advanced Microsoft Word Workshop
12:00 p.m. - EASE Luncheon
University Dining Room
5:30 p.m. - AASU Women's Basketball vs. Clayton State
Alumni Arena
7:30 p.m. - AASU Men's Basketball vs. Clayton State
Alumni Arena
8:00 p.m. - Alpha Sigma Tau Recruitment
Solms Hall Rm 103
- 27 9:00 a.m. - Computer Essentials
7:00 p.m. - Alpha Sigma Tau Recruitment
- 28 12:00 p.m. - College Republicans meeting
University Hall Rm 157
- 29 10:30 a.m. - AASU Open House
10:30 a.m. - Karate Club meeting
ARC Gymnasium Rm 100
5:30 p.m. - AASU Women's Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke
Alumni Arena

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Quick News from University Relations

John McGuthry Named New Director of Computer and Information Services

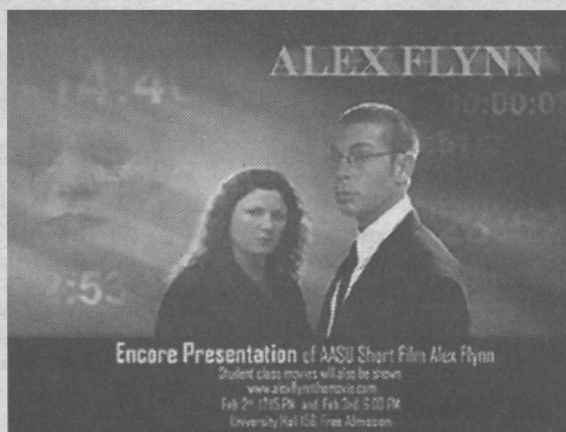
John McGuthry has been named director of computer information services and chief information officer at Armstrong Atlantic State University (AASU). Prior to joining AASU, he served as executive director and chief information officer at Reinhardt College, and as a senior manager in technology related positions in the private sector.

McGuthry earned a bachelor's degree in physical science from the University of Maryland and a master of science in management of technology from Georgia Tech. He also has graduate training in the

business of e-commerce from MIT, satellite communications from George Washington University, and accounting and finance from the University of Maryland.

AASU to Showcase New Film, *Alex Flynn*

Armstrong Atlantic State University (AASU) presents *Alex Flynn*, a silent film that depicts the journey



of a man who is given the ability to know the life span of everyone he sees, February 2-3. In the film, young Alex Flynn is forced to confront the truth as a mysterious woman guides him through revelations of darkness and light in the course of a single day. The film will be shown at noon on February 2

and 6 p.m. on February 3. The showing will take place in room 156 of AASU's University Hall. It is free and open to the public.

An original short film

produced by AASU students and staff in conjunction with Marsh Island Productions, *Alex Flynn* has been selected to be shown at Shockerfest, a fantasy film festival held in Modesto, California.

For more information, call Bruce Habersham at 912.921.2316.

For more information on these and other stories refer to University Relations at www.armstrong.edu

GIL Express Increases Resource Access for Students



The libraries of the institutions in the University System of Georgia (USG) have implemented an automated system that gives authorized users quick and easy access to more than four million titles.

Called GIL Express, for GALILEO Interconnected Libraries, the new system allows USG faculty, staff and students to make online or in-person requests for any eligible books contained in the general collections of 35 libraries throughout the state. Journal article requests will still be processed through the existing Interlibrary Loan system.

"Using GIL Express, students and faculty have speedy access to the book resources of the entire University System," says Judy Dubus, Head of Reference and Instruction at Armstrong's Lane Library. "GIL Express is a major enhancement in the information service and resources that USG libraries offer to their users."

The system features an easy-to-use interface, immediate patron validation, and automatic tracking of materials. Usually, requested books are delivered within three days.

GIL Express is the most recent evolution of GALILEO Interconnected Libraries (GIL), which is the second phase of the University System's GALILEO initiative. GALILEO – which stands for Georgia Library Learning Online – is a World Wide Web-based virtual library that provides access to multiple information resources. The community of more than 2,000 GALILEO institutions includes the USG, K-12 schools, public libraries, adult technical institutes and colleges, and a group of private academic colleges and universities.

Implemented in September, GIL Express replaced the University System borrowing card that used to be required for faculty, staff, and students making in-person borrowing requests at any USG library other than the one at their home institution.

Through GIL Express, patrons have access to the Universal Catalog (<http://giluc.usg.edu>), which combines the individual collections of the libraries at the 35 USG institutions. The Universal Catalog contains over 4.3 million titles, including 2.6 million titles that are held by only one library in

the USG. All USG libraries have unique holdings that reflect differences in curriculum, faculty research interests, and collecting policies.

"This is the product of years of hard work on the part of the USG libraries' faculty and staff," said the University of Georgia's Claire Colombo, who is the chair of the GIL Express Task Force. "We've had a vision that our patrons would be able to quickly and easily borrow materials from across the system's libraries. GIL Express is the realization of that cooperative effort."

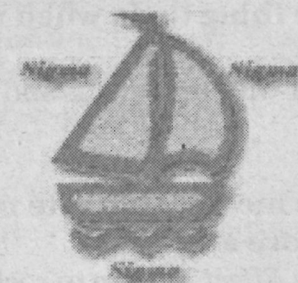
For more information on GIL Express and the GIL Universal Catalog, visit <http://gil.usg.edu>. Also, Lane Library would like to encourage anyone with an interest in learning more about GIL Express to come and speak with a librarian at the Reference Desk. We will be happy to walk you through the process of making a GIL Express request! Lane Library also plans to host some informal, lunchtime GIL Express workshops in the near future.

Sigma...

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in two hospitals, University of North Carolina Hospitals, Chapel Hill and Children's Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. They also support the Robbie Page Memorial Fund.

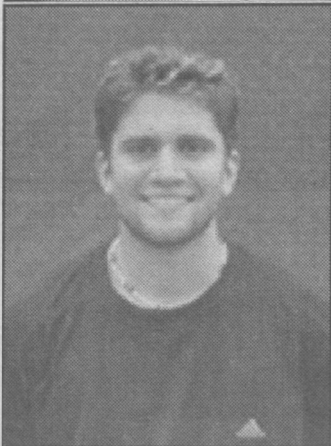
The President of Sigma Sigma Sigma Amanda Robinson said, "We basically raise money to send to these wings which our sorority funds entirely. We do syringe painting with the children, so they get used to their shots."



Being part of a national organization gives the members of Sigma Sigma Sigma an unlimited amount of contacts. The Vice President of Sigma Sigma Sigma Tiffany Dodgen said, "Sigma Sigma Sigma has a program called Tradewinds, which is a form for any Sigma that is interested in relocating or finding a job in a different area. A Sigma could even go on and work with the national organization after graduation. A Sigma can be a Colony Adviser or President. Being national gives you all these opportunities."

Sigma Sigma Sigma hopes that they can make a difference around AASU with future alumni members and school spirit. Dodgen said, "School spirit will go up a little bit. I hope it goes up a lot." Robinson said, "It will help AASU with retention and alumni."

Warm Up With... Ross "Chopper" Hopper



Name:
Ross Hopper
Birthdate:
May 25, 1986
Sport:
Tennis
Hometown:
Savannah, Georgia

Jay Carmichael: Most embarrassing moment?

Ross Hopper: I was bowling and tried to throw the ball between my legs; I hit my leg and fell down in front of like 100 people.

JC: Least favorite subject in school?

RH: Math

JC: What are you majoring in? What do you plan on doing after school?

RH: I am Pre-Med, and I want to be an Anesthesiologist.

JC: What made you start playing tennis?

RH: My step-dad played and I started playing when I was about 4.

JC: Favorite thing to do when not playing tennis?

RH: Hang out with my friends and girlfriend.

JC: Favorite movie? Favorite music to listen to before a match?

RH: *Butterfly Effect*. I listen to rock or metal before a match.

JC: What is one thing you are afraid of?

RH: Heights

JC: Favorite kind of food?

RH: Italian. Chicken Parmesan is my favorite dish.

JC: If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?

RH: Australia

JC: What is your New Year's resolution?

RH: To teach my girlfriend (Amy Pascual) how to play tennis.

JC: One thing you could not live without?

RH: A computer

Upcoming Home Basketball Games....

Jan. 19, 2005 Kennesaw State

Women's @ 5:30 Men's @ 7:30

Jan. 26, 2005 Clayton College & State

Women's @ 5:30 Men's @ 7:30

Jan. 29, 2005 UNC Pembroke

Women's @ 5:30 Men's @ 7:30

Feb. 9, 2005 North Florida

Women's @ 5:30 Men's @ 7:30

Feb. 12, 2005 Columbus State

Women's @ 2:00 Men's @ 4:00

Lady Pirates And Pirates Battle It Out At Francis Marion

Chad Jackson
Sports Communications

January 15, 2005

The Armstrong Atlantic State Lady Pirates fell to host Francis Marion, 77-72, in Peach Belt Conference action at the Smith University Center on Saturday afternoon. The loss was the eighth straight by AASU in the Smith University Center against the Lady Patriots, a streak that dates back to 1992-93.

FMU built a second-half 10-point lead, 47-37, with 15:45 left in the second half, but a 16-0 run by the Lady Pirates over the next five minutes would put the Lady Pirates up by six, 53-47, with 10:49 remaining. FMU (5-10, 1-3 PBC) stormed back with a barrage of three straight three-pointers made from Jennifer Howard to tie the game and eventually take a five-point lead, 69-64, with 3:47 left. AASU (12-6, 2-2 PBC) would cut it to three, 75-72, with 16 seconds left but could not get a tying three-pointer as Jamie Sheridan's attempt was blocked by Caroline Moore with 3.2 seconds remaining, sealing the victory for the Patriots.

January 15, 2005

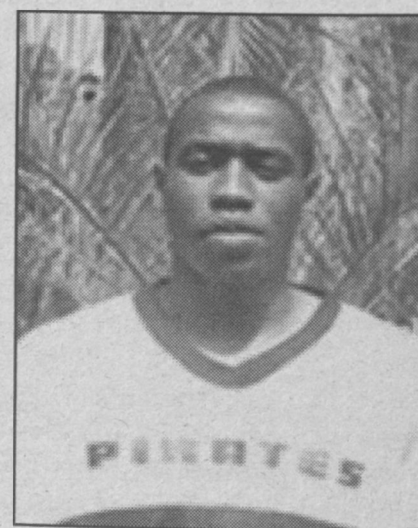
The Armstrong Atlantic State Pirates held Francis Marion scoreless for a 12-minute stretch en route to a 79-47 win at the Smith University Center on Saturday evening in Florence, S.C.

AASU (11-4, 3-1 PBC) began the game by taking a seven-point 23-15 lead in the first 10 minutes. The Pirates wouldn't let up, taking a 34-19 lead with five minutes left until intermission on a **Lorenzo Lawrence** three-pointer. The drought for the Patriots would last until halftime as the Pirates held FMU (7-7, 2-2 PBC) without a bucket for the final eight minutes and AASU entered intermission with a 45-19 halftime lead. Lorenzo was the catalyst, shrugging off his worst game as a Pirate on Wednesday at Clayton State by scoring 19 first-half points on 6-of-9 shooting, including 4-of-6 three-pointers, as AASU ended the half on a 22-0 run.

The Pirates then scored the first six points of the second half in building a 51-21 lead when FMU's Vony Rivers broke the drought with a layup. But the baskets came

Francis Marion jumped out on top of the Lady Pirates early, building a 21-12 lead, but an Audosha Kelley three-pointer tied the game back up at 29-all with 4:07 left until intermission.

FMU would climb back on top and take a four-point lead at halftime, 38-34. Junior **Alicia Durham** led all players in the first half with 14 points, en route to a career high-tying 20 points for the Macon, Ga., native. Kelley led the Lady Pirates with 22 points on the evening, while Francis Marion was led by Moore's career-high 25 points. Creshenda Singletary and Howard each added 15 points apiece for FMU.



few and far between for the Patriots even in the second half as the Pirates outscored FMU 45-28 after intermission.

Lawrence led all scorers with 22 points, while Alex Carter chipped in 14 points and Kenny Brown added 12 points. Francis Marion, who played the game without leading scorer Louis McCullough (leg), was led by Kevin Ashford's 10 points off the bench.

UGA Champions In The Memorial Health Hockey Classic

Gordon Coffee
Sports Writer



January 14 & 15, 2005

The 7th Annual Memorial Health Hockey Classic was held in the Savannah Civic Center on Jan. 14th and 15th. The University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, University of Florida, and Florida State all participated in the tournament for the Thrasher Cup. For the second year in a row, the UGA Ice Dawgs claimed victory.

On Friday night, UGA crushed the Florida Gators 6-0, and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets narrowly defeated the Florida State Seminoles 3-2. These victories set up two rivalry games on Saturday night.

On the 15th, fans were treated with two dramatic and exciting games. The Seminoles and the Gators were the first teams to battle in the rink. By the third period, FSU led the Gators 7-1, but Florida wasn't ready to give up. In

an impressive offensive flurry, the Gators tied the score at 8-8 and forced the game into a five man shoot out. In the end, however, Florida State managed to win 11-10.

The second game of the night was for the Thrasher Cup, and was equally as climactic as the first. The Ice Dawgs and the

Yellow Jackets looked evenly matched, and the tie score of 1-1 at the end of the first period showed this to be true. By the beginning of the third period, the Ice Dawgs had edged out Georgia Tech 3-2. Both teams were showing signs of fatigue, but neither team was giving up ground. In the final minute of the game, the Yellow Jackets left their goal unprotected in an attempt to tie the game. They encountered a strong UGA defense; however, and the Ice Dawgs attacked the unmanned goal in the final seconds of the game to put it away 4-2.

It is no wonder why the Memorial Health Hockey Classic has been named Savannah's #1 sporting event for the past three years. This year was just as thrilling as the last, and probably the best hockey anyone could have seen in Savannah due to the lack of an NHL season this year.

Clayton State Proved Too Strong For Both The Pirates and The Lady Pirates

Chad Jackson
Sports Communications

January 12, 2005

Trailing by seven points with seven minutes remaining, the Clayton College & State University men's basketball clamped down defensively and outscored Armstrong Atlantic State University 20-2 down the stretch for a 56-44 Peach Belt Conference victory at the Athletics & Fitness Center.

Clayton State's suffocating defense was the key, as the Lakers held the Pirates scoreless for a six-minute stretch, allowing only two free throws in the final 1:27 of the game. The Lakers held Armstrong to 26 percent (13-of-51) shooting for the evening and forced 23 turnovers.

Butts led the Lakers with 17 points and five rebounds, followed by Puckett with 10 points and six rebounds. Sophomore Aristide Sawadogo led the Lakers on the boards with seven. For Armstrong, Alex Carter was the only Pirate in double-digits with 10 points. AASU leading scorer Lorenzo Lawrence finished with seven points. Clayton State shot 39 percent from the floor (19-of-49) and committed 16 turnovers. Armstrong Atlantic State won the battle on the boards, outrebounding the Lakers 39-32.

January 12, 2005

A late 13-2 run was the difference Wednesday as the Clayton College & State University women's basketball team toppled defending Peach Belt Conference South Division champions Armstrong Atlantic State University 77-63 at the Athletics & Fitness Center.

Harp led the Lakers with 22 points and nine rebounds, followed by senior Jamika Hindsman with 14 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists. Bukowska chipped in 10 points.

Armstrong Atlantic State's Audosha Kelley, the leading scorer in the Peach Belt, led the Pirates with 19 points, followed by Lavonne Thomas and Ramona Wright each scoring 14 points apiece.

Clayton State shot 41 percent (29-of-71) for the game, including 49 percent (16-of-33) in the second half. Armstrong shot 36 percent from the floor (24-of-66). Clayton State outrebounded AASU 49-41 and had 22 offensive boards compared to 17 for the Lakers.

Warm Up With... Margaret "Large Marge" Thornton

Name: Margaret Thornton
Birthdate: August 17, 1986
Sport: Volleyball
Hometown: Hesperia, California



Jay Carmichael: Most embarrassing moment?

Margaret Thornton: I don't really have one.

JC: Your two sisters play volleyball, is there any sibling rivalry? Who is the best?

MT: Not really any rivalry, my sisters supported me, in fact one of them even coached me. I am the best, no question about it.

JC: Least favorite subject in school?

MT: Math

JC: One thing you are afraid of?

MT: Most of all snakes then tornadoes.

JC: One thing you miss the most from the West coast?

MT: The sun and fresh air. I especially miss the "good-hair" days and most importantly my family.

JC: You are majoring in Education, what grades do want to teach and why?

MT: I want to teach 2nd or 3rd grade because if I teach older kids I will not be bigger than them or have control of them.

JC: Favorite thing(s) to do when not playing volleyball?

MT: Shopping, sleeping, or hanging out with my friends.

JC: Favorite movie? Why?

MT: *Pirates of the Caribbean*; definitely because of Johnny Depp.

JC: Favorite thing about Savannah?

MT: I love the greenery, my hometown is practically desert and full of tumbleweeds.

JC: What is your New Year's resolution?

MT: It is to study hard and get good grades.

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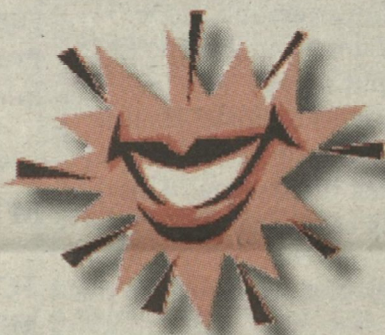
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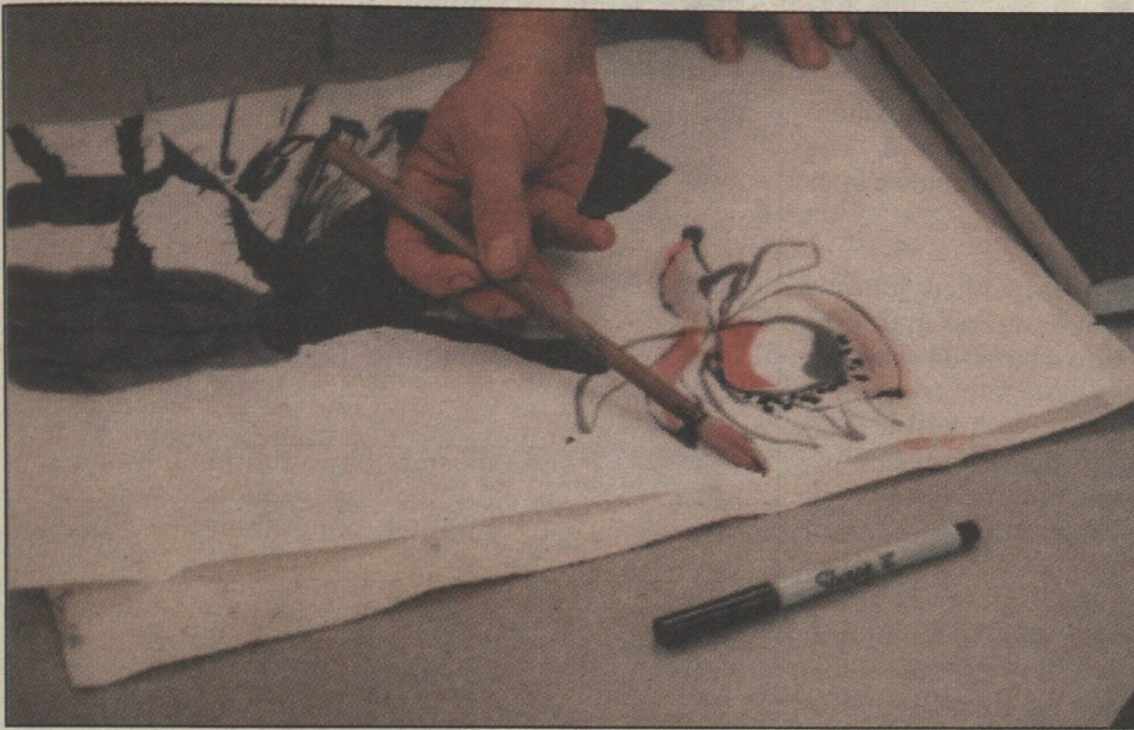
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Are you a member?

Lampo Leong's Artwork Makes Strong Impact on AASU Students and Faculty



Amy Covington
Staff Writer

AASU is pleased to exhibit Professor Lampo Leong's work in the AASU art gallery, and is very appreciative of him taking the time to teach *Chinese Painting Workshops* this past week.

Leong is an internationally renowned painter, calligrapher, and multimedia artist. He received his BFA from the Guangzhou Fine Arts Institute in China and his MFA with High Distinction from the California

College of the Arts. He is currently an assistant Professor of Art at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

In his art, Leong creates a new visual language that incorporates rhythm of cursive calligraphy and the dynamic quality of Western Abstract art. With fiery colors and meditative hues, the calligraphy is shattered and layered on the canvas to create depth and tension. As the energies create serenity, light emanates from the darkness, symbolizing spiritual rebirth. His works

represent the energy beneath the visible world. For example, he sees the energy inside a rock as vibrant as the energy within a human.

Leong's work has been in over 200 solo and group exhibits in museums and galleries all over the world. Museums and corporations collect his paintings internationally, including Stanford Museum of Art, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, Disney World in Florida, etc. Leong has won more than 20 awards and much recognition for



Above: Students practice painting during the workshop held by AASU.

Right: Lampo Leong, born in China in 1961 has established himself as a major artist of the 20th and 21st centuries through his approach.



his artistic contributions. He has earned a spot in UK's The International Who's Who and Marquis' Who's Who in the World. In 1999

the mayor of San Francisco proclaimed November 19th to be Lampo Leong Day. His art and teaching achievements have been in more than 500 feature stories, and have brought him fame from all over the world.



Above: Leong's Shimmering Cirrus is an example of one of his mixed media works.

"We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful and talented artist to bring his artistic abilities as well as a fresh outlook on painting."

-Carmela Aliffi, Professor

"It was fun. I found rice paper to be a little more difficult to paint on than I had anticipated."

-Amanda Smith, Student

"It was a wonderful experience and the techniques of Chinese painting were very interesting to learn."

-Cathy Solomons, Student

Moments in Time

- On Jan. 27, 1302, poet and politician Dante Alighieri is exiled from Florence, where he served as one of six priors governing the city. Dante wrote his masterpiece, "The Divine Comedy," as a virtual wanderer, seeking protection for his family in town after town.
- On Jan. 26, 1838, the first Prohibition law in the history of the United States is passed in Tennessee, making it a misdemeanor to sell alcoholic beverages in taverns and stores. Fines collected for retailing "spirituous liquors" would be used in support of public schools.
- On Jan. 24, 1907, in Ormond Beach, Fla., Glenn Curtiss, an engineer who got his start building motors for bicycles, sets an unofficial land-speed record of 136.29 mph on a self-built V-8 motorcycle. An automobile would not surpass that speed until 1911.
- On Jan. 25, 1924, the first Winter Olympics are held, at Chamonix in the French Alps. Spectators were thrilled by the ski jump and bobsled as well as 12 other events involving a total of six sports. Canada won the hockey gold, scoring 110 goals and allowing just three goals in five games.
- On Jan. 29, 1964, Stanley Kubrick's black comic masterpiece, "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" opens in theaters. Kubrick's satirical attacks on the U.S. and Russian policies of nuclear stockpiling and massive retaliation struck a chord with the American people, particularly after the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

Artists' Corner

Of the Soul

i kneel offering: meek prayers-

(muted confessions of a sinful heart...)

-he smiles at me

then turns away-

- Ditrie Sanchez

Are you an artist? Send in your poetry, short prose, paintings, drawings, lyrics, photographs or any other printable form of artwork to be published in the Inkwell. When possible, art will be printed in color. Send artwork to Inkwell@mail.armstrong.edu.

Strange... but True

By Samantha Weaver

- You might be surprised to learn that it was Henry Kissinger who made the following observation: "Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes. There's too much fraternizing with the enemy."
- The first recorded fire insurance was issued in Germany in 1591.
- In 1800, if you wanted to buy a reliable timepiece, you had to be prepared to shell out some serious money. At that time, a good clock cost about 80 percent of a man's annual salary.
- What do kittens, rabbits, wolves, hedgehogs, cheetahs and pandas have in common? They're all born blind.
- Many people are frustrated in social situations because they can remember someone's face, but can't come up with a name; others have the opposite problem, being able to remember names of people they meet but not what they look like. Some have speculated that the reason for this phenomenon is that memory of people's names is stored in the left side of the brain, while memory of face recognition is stored in the right side.
- The country of India -- the second most populous nation in the world -- recognizes 15 official languages.
- The next time you see a school bus, you can put the official name to the ubiquitous yellow color: "National School Bus Chrome Yellow."
- Holiday Inns at one time offered on-call doctors.
- I'm not sure who Joachim Heinrich was, but he must have been a golfer. It was he who defined a golf cart as "a method of transporting clubs that has one big advantage -- it can't count."

Thought for the Day: "Though a good deal is too strange to be believed, nothing is too strange to have happened."
-- Thomas Hardy

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Next AMT Event

January 21, 2005

2:30 pm

Matthew Jones

Graduation Recital

Fine Arts Auditorium

927-5381 for info

In a Band? Know a Band?

Teresa Lynch
A & E Editor

Due to the growing music scene in Savannah, I have decided that it is my duty to bring some of the up and coming groups from the area to Inkwell readers. That being said, I want to let each and every one of you know about the new column I have decided to create. Each month, I will choose a local band to feature. The band needs to be tied to the Savannah area somehow, whether it be that the group plays shows here or is from here. E-mail me with a short tidbit about the group and I will get in touch with your contact. Providing a selection of your music is preferable, but by no means required. Any style of music is acceptable from jazz to hardcore to country to something entirely unique. The column will include, but is not limited to AASU student groups. Give out this information to people you know! For more information and to send in band information e-mail me at Inkwell@armstrong.g.mail.edu.

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At the Movies

Oakley Julian
Staff Writer

White Noise

Starring: Michael Keaton
Director: Geoffrey Sax
Rated: PG-13

Michael Keaton returns to the silver screen in this year's first supernatural thriller, *White Noise*. Keaton plays Jonathon Rivers, a successful architect whose wife dies. A couple of weeks after her death, Rivers is approached by a man claiming that his dead wife has been communicating through Electronic Voice Phenomenon (EVP). Although skeptical at first, Rivers becomes almost immediately obsessed with the idea of making contact with his wife, but does not heed to the warnings telling him not to meddle with the dead.

White Noise is and will be extremely successful in igniting public interest in EVP, a phenomenon that many claim is real. Entertainment Weekly said it best when describing *White Noise* as "a cross between a rip-off of *The Ring* and *Final Destination*." It manages to make you jump once or twice, and is definitely an interesting movie concept. However, these things do not overshadow the plot holes and an ending that seems to be thrown together.

Overall, *White Noise* is worth seeing, but if you do plan on seeing it at the theater, this one should be caught during the matinee. For more information on EVP, go to the American Association of Electronic Voice Phenomenon website at <http://www.aaevp.com/>.

The Village

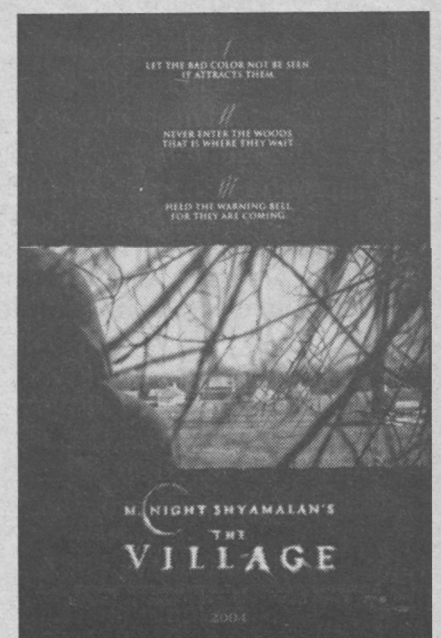
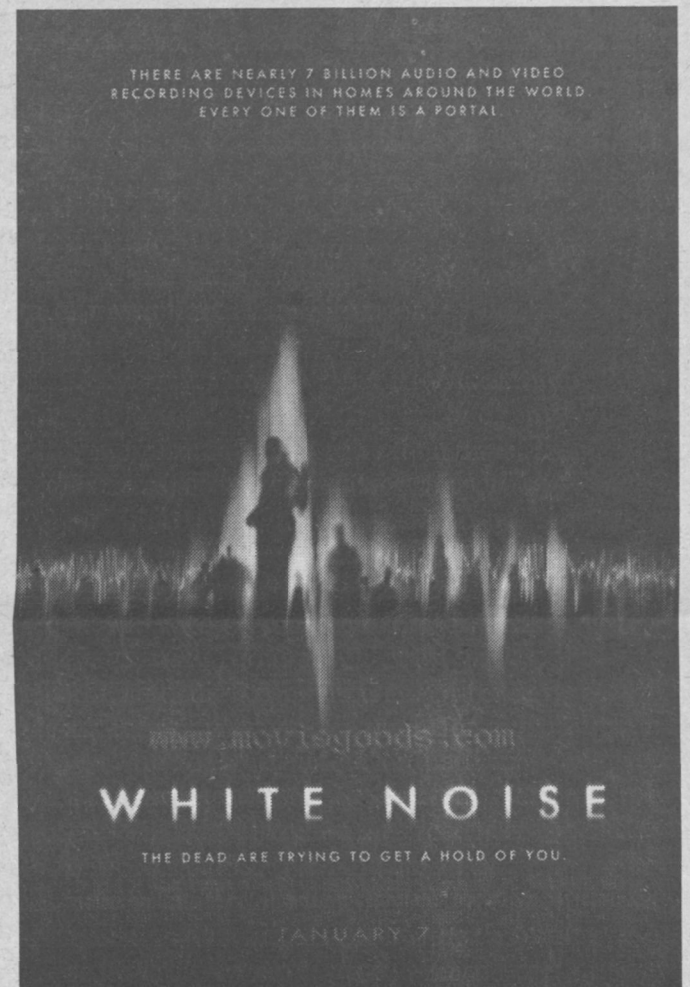
Starring: Bryce Dallas Howard and Joaquin Phoenix
Director: M. Night Shyamalan
Rated: PG-13

A village out in the middle of nowhere has had a long-standing truce with the creatures living in the surrounding woods—the village people do not enter the forest and the creatures do not venture into the village. After many years of peace, the pact has been broken.

Like his 1999 film *The Sixth Sense*, M. Night Shyamalan's latest film, *The Village*, is a very well told story. And these two films share another crucial characteristic: they can only be watched once or twice. However, *The Village* probably isn't worth a second viewing. Shyamalan specializes in surprises and twists, but frankly, the ones in *The Village* are simply a big let down.

That's not to say that it should be completely disregarded. Actor/Director Ron Howard's daughter, Bryce Dallas Howard, is amazing in her film debut, and although the film is somewhat of an overall disappointment, it is still a very creative story with interesting characters.

DVD includes a 24 minute behind the scenes featurette "Deconstructing the Village," deleted scenes, interviews, and more.



The Philosopher's Stone News

Chris Dunn

Editor of *The Philosopher's Stone*

The great trick of the news is that the viewpoints presented are limited to only a few generalized opinions that are reliably biased day in and day out. They will not appear biased because chances are you, yourself, are biased (for the record, I am not claiming to be an exception) and are thus blinded to the biases inherent in the media outlet of your particular liking.

Of course, the news seems to reflect your opinions for the very source of your opinions is the news. The news presents well worded, easy to swallow, political slogans and arguments that you and your friends can regurgitate at the water cooler. And if you happen to run into one who shares an opinion from the "other" or "bad" side and you get into an argument which may cause you to doubt your opinions, the news is right there to reinforce your previously held views by giving commonsensical explanations to repudiate all doubts. After all, how could one get anything done if one sat around all day doubting and thinking about things? There are too many buildings to erect, laws to pass, and bombs to build as it is.

The news is funded by advertisements and like any advertisement driven media, the news must entertain in order to sell, thus it is crammed with unnecessary facts full of flash and flare. Of course, tragedies and emotionally driven political accounts are interesting, and are thus most effective as means for propagating advertisements and political ideologies.

Being that the news must be entertaining to sell, it is constantly trying to outdo its competitors with flashier and more attention-getting headlines. In addition, the news, like any form of entertainment, must appeal to the lowest common denominator in order to sell. Thus, relatively non-controversial, easy to understand views will dominate the bulk of its subject matter. However, the news is brilliant in its ability to disguise its lowly status by using big words (but not too big as to be lost on the common man) that seem to indicate a high level of education. Thus, when you and your friends are around the water cooler, you feel smart and knowledgeable with your news induced vocabulary and opinions on all "important" matters of the day. Lastly, it must avoid any topics which may cause discomfort in its readers or upset the flow of normal society, namely those found in philosophical discourse.

The news is a necessary part of our modern technological society. Abstract notions that could cause doubt and anxiety are presented in the form of problems in our society in which finding an immediate solution is of utmost importance and should thus consume the whole of one's thought. The news then propagates a select few solutions to the problem at hand, which seemingly oppose each other, but in the end picking one or the other has no real long term impact on the world, although the news certainly does an excellent job of portraying it as doing so.

Take the recent presidential election, for example. Kerry or Bush? How many times was I asked this question? It was simply taken for granted that one or the other would take over and that it was my patriotic duty to have an opinion one way or the other. I am not necessarily advocating any third party's as they may not have been much better or worse. I am only pointing out that there are more important issues than who holds a position in government, for the real power lies not in some rich, powdered figurehead, but in the individuals who make up the nation. The real issues are the everyday choices that you and I make. Should I get up in the morning? Should I love my neighbor as myself? Should I even participate in society? Why am I here? Who am I? These are the questions to which we ought to concern ourselves. If we can answer these, the power structure and laws of our governments will follow accordingly, for all else rests atop our beliefs concerning such questions.

The news is the greatest inhibitor to such questions, as they can sometimes be uncomfortable ones which may inhibit the "progress" of society, or cause one to come to conclusions which may undermine the foundations upon which the news rests. Namely, that vast quantities of political information (or whatever else is in vogue) is necessary, that our purpose in life is to solve problems and to produce, and that the world is a material, rational place in which every world view but consumerism is a religious ideology. To quote a bit of Thoreau:

And I am sure that I never read any memorable news in a newspaper. If we read of one man robbed, or murdered, or killed by accident, or one house burned, or one vessel wrecked, or one steamboat blown up, or one cow run over on the Western Railroad, or one mad dog killed, or one lot of grasshoppers in the winter, -- we never need read of another. One is enough. If you are acquainted with the principle, what do you care for a myriad instances and applications? To a philosopher all news, as it is called, is gossip, and they who edit and read it are old women over their tea. Yet not a few are greedy after gossip. There was such a rush, as I hear, the other day at one of the offices to learn the foreign news by the last arrival, that several large squares of plate glass belonging to the establishment were broken by the pressure, -- news which I seriously think a ready wit might write a twelvemonth or twelve years beforehand with sufficient accuracy¹.

On a lighter note, we are alive!

¹ Thoreau, Henry David. *Walden*. New York: Barnes and Noble Books, 1993.

All Opinions are Accepted

I understand that it may seem a bit curious that I chose to run *The Philosopher's Stone* as newspapers such as the Inkwell are the subject of criticism. However, the column is the opinion of a student, and it is my job to allow students the opportunity to express their ideas.

It is a pleasure to work with the students involved with *The Philosopher's Stone* and I hope they continue to write thought provoking and interesting articles. I also hope that other students see the article as an example of the open-minded attitude that is symbolic of the Inkwell as a publication and of the staff of the Inkwell.

The opinions page is devoted to the students of Armstrong and is an instrument for students to express their ideas, concerns, thoughts, and interests. I encourage students to utilize the privilege and write a letter or column. And remember that an idea is no use to anyone unless it is expressed and discussed.

Lauren
Editor in Chief

"The press is not only free, it is powerful. That power is ours. It is the proudest that man can enjoy."

-Benjamin Disraeli

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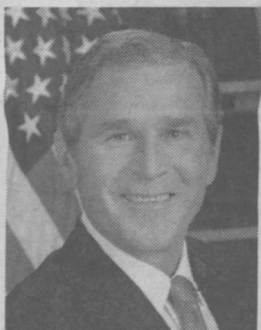
Bush's Six Step Program for Success

Nolan Fields
Political Columnist

Some of you out there have taken notice of Bush's political success and are wondering how he does it. It's really kind of simple and you can even apply it to your everyday life. He uses a six step formula for all his success.

The six step formula is as follows:

1. Introduce bad legislation, foreign policy, etc.
2. Incite fear into the American people and mislead them.
3. Get "non-partisan" media pundits on your side.
4. Story breaks about the misleading statements and all-around bad policy.
5. Damage control.
6. Rinse and repeat.



For example: Let's say you want to start a war that has no foreseeable ending, costs over 200 billion dollars and thousands of lives. Here's how it would look:

1. We must change the regime of said country.
2. This country has WMD, is an immediate threat to the U.S., defies the U.N., supports terrorism, wants to live in freedom but has a brutal dictator who won't let them, hates Christmas, etc.
3. This is the easiest step since you won't have to do anything because media pundits can't wait to argue and defend their side regardless of how wrong it is.
4. Said country had no WMD, wasn't immediate threat U.S., etc.
5. Would you rather said country's regime of terror to be in power and the torture chambers open? We got bad intelligence so it's not my fault. Etc.
6. Look at next country on list that is ripe for regime change and start over.

Some of you are saying, "But I don't want to start a war that costs an untold amount of lives and billions of dollars." How about, for example, you decide to completely overhaul the system that feeds, clothes, and houses the elderly? This overhaul will cost somewhere around 2 trillion dollars in new taxes or debt plus Wall Street will probably make billions in profit from it. Try this:

1. We must change the system.
2. We must change and partially privatize the

system to protect it. It is an immediate crisis and we can't wait any longer.

3. See first example.
4. "The 2 trillion it cost to change it raised my taxes" "I lost my money since I privatized it."
5. We told you there were risks.
6. Look at the next stable program and see how it can be changed to benefit Wall Street.

Maybe you don't want to wage war or ruin a stable program, but something smaller like cheat on your girlfriend/boyfriend. It would be like this:

1. I must cheat on you.
2. It will protect our relationship and I need

change.

3. Get your friends to vouch for you.
4. Relationship destroyed.
5. I told you I needed change.
6. Find new girlfriend/boyfriend.

Now you see how easy the six step formula can be applied to any facet of life whether you are ruining another country's peace or ruining your relationship with your partner. Follow this six step program and you will never fail!

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where?

Armstrong Atlantic State University

11935 Abercorn Street

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The course will be secured for up to 45 minutes following start time.

what?

5K Run/Walk

when?

February 12, 2005

Start Time: 8:30 a.m.

Packet Pick-up: 7:45 a.m.

start

Each participant receives a free t-shirt while supplies last.

finish

Each runner will receive a red carnation and food and drink at the finish line.

www.sa.armstrong.edu/sweetheart5K

registration

Pre-registration:

\$10/individual (\$15/couple)

Race day registration:

\$15/individual (\$20/couple)

Packets will be available at 7:45 a.m. on race day.

awards

& prizes

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1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes

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10 and under	30-39
11-19	40-49
20-29	50-59
	60 and up



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This group will consist of female students ages 25 and up. The group will provide support and helpful feedback to the non-traditional student trying to balance her multiple roles and demands. Non-traditional students may have feelings of isolation from their classmates, difficulty adjusting to university life, feelings of uncertainty with starting over, e.g. financial strain, family and friends' reactions to their pursuing educational and career goals.

Meeting dates: January 26th, February 24th, March 23rd, and April 28th. The time will be 12-1:15pm. Light refreshments will be served.

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Meeting dates: January 31st, February 28th, March 21st, and April 25th. The time will be 12-1:15pm. Light refreshments will be served.

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